The A. V. M. Canal.

73. *MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavancod*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representation regarding the restoration of the A. V. M. Canal in South Travancore; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether any action has been taken on that?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Irrigation and Miscellaneous*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is under the consideration of Government. A provision has been made in the draft budget for 1119 for conducting the necessary investigation.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from Government whether this question was considered by Government at any time before?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: The matter was considered some years ago.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the decision arrived at by Government.

MR. I. C. CHACKO: The scheme was dropped on account of the high cost.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the approximate cost?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: About Rs. 5½ lakhs.

Irrigation Channel from Thirparapoo.

74. *MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any investigation has been made about the opening of an irrigation channel from Thirparapoo in the Kuzhithura river; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether any provision has been made in 1119 budget for the execution of the same?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A sum of Rs. 2,000 has been provided for completing the investigation.

Swampy and other forest areas leased out for paddy cultivation.

75. *MR. G. VELU PILLAI (*Karunagapalli* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the extent of the swampy and other forest areas leased out for paddy cultivation;

(*b*) whether cultivation has begun in all the areas thus leased out; and

(*c*) whether more swampy areas are now ready to be leased out?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR (*Conservator of Forests*):

(*a*) 4,037 acres.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Yes

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly